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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

**Claims 1-5 (Canceled)**

6. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the inner race is provided with a circumferential lubricating groove and with one or more radial lubricating bores.

**Claims 7-8 (Canceled)**

9. (Previously presented) A double-row radial cylindrical roller bearing, comprising:
- a single-piece inner race provided with a central collar and two outer collars;
  - an outer race having interiorly a circumferential groove and provided with a central collar in the form of a single-piece T-shaped ring including a slot to provide the ring with variable diameter, said ring having a circumferential outer rib, which is engageable in the circumferential groove, and two opposite axial ends; and
  - rolling elements rolling between the inner and outer races.
10. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9 defining a bearing axis, said slot extending parallel to the bearing axis.

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**Claim 11 (Canceled)**

**12. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the outer collars of the inner race are provided with a sealing element.**

**13. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the ring is subjected to a hardening process.**

**14. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the ring is coated with a friction-reducing material.**

**15. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the friction-reducing material is polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).**

**16. (Amended) A roller bearing, comprising:**

- an inner race;
- an outer race in surrounding relationship to the inner race, said outer race having interiorly an annular groove;
- rolling elements rolling between the inner and outer races; and
- a single-piece T-shaped ring formed with an annular rib for securement in the annular groove of the outer race and projecting out from the outer race so as to form engagement surfaces for neighboring rolling elements and thereby being capable to absorb forces applied by the rolling elements in an axial direction.

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17. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the ring is breached by a slot to impart resiliency to the ring.
18. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the axial ends of the ring expand in a radial extension and rest against a running surface of the outer race.
19. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 17 defining a bearing axis, said slot extending parallel to the bearing axis.
20. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the inner race has two outer collars provided with a sealing element.
21. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the inner race is provided with a circumferential lubricating groove and with one or more radial lubricating bores.
22. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the T-shaped ring is subjected to a hardening process.
23. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the T-shaped ring is coated with a friction-reducing material.

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24. (Previously presented) The bearing of claim 23, wherein the friction-reducing material is polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).